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1. IRISH GOVERNMENT'S MAXIMUM DESIDERATA WOULD BE TO HAVE THE VANGUARD/POTTER SHIPMENT RETURNED TO VIENNA. THE REASON IS THAT GOI WANTS TO AVOID PUBLICITY OR ANY POSSIBILITY OF A LEGAL TEST OF THEIR ENFORCEMENT REGULATIONS. OUR READING OF THE SITUATION HOWEVER IS THAT THE ABOVE IS A MATTER OF POLICY AND THAT, IF ALL PARTIES AGREED TO STORE THE SHIPMENT IN SHANNON FOR A TIME, THERE IS NO LEGAL REASON WHY IT CANNOT BE KEPT THERE.

2. IF THE USG WERE TO GRANT POTTER'S APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO SHIP THE GOODS TO THE USSR, WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE GOI WOULD

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AUTHORIZE THE SHIPMENT. THERE IS NO REASON FOR NEUTRAL IRELAND TO BE "HOLIER THAN THE POPE" ON EXCON/COCOM MATTERS. RENDAH

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